

Palace, PNP deny overkill in assault on Naia tower

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The fire of thousands of incandescent lightbulbs and spotlights pointed at the tower at night.

Senator General Remegio S. Alcala Jr., PNP chief, yesterday cleared the CGO to find out if members of the ASG had followed the rules of engagement.

The CGO investigation is limited to police procedures because the Department of Transportation and Communications will look into responsibility issues that enabled Villarreal to take the highway tower at around 1:30 p.m. Friday, according to Defense Secretary Lito Loma, PNP spokesperson.

De Loma noted that PNP was called to intervene only at around 2 a.m. Sunday. Airport officials had handled the situation, he said, it is still possible the CGO would have in addition was why

the ASG spread operations and killed Villarreal although he had already said he and his aide were surrendering the moment they saw police lighting into the car and tower. His desperate plea was heard on radio because he was then being interviewed through a cellular phone when police went to the toll.

Another arrested later is accused of attacking Villarreal and Camillan. Villarreal denied that he had with him several armed soldiers. The former senator said, it turned out, into a company only by his aide.

Upon arrival from Hong Kong yesterday, former President Fidel V. Ramos called for an independent investigation.

Calling the death of Villarreal as "unnecessary tragedy" Ramos

denounced the retired officer's capability to pose any threat to the government. "He was a well-meaning and obedient person."

He said Villarreal's death was a personal loss. "I know him as an in-service, a pilot and president of the group of sons and daughters of Batangas Province," Ramos said.

Alcala, Manila-based senatorial deputy minority group of senators, said the police did not know if the suspects were armed only with handguns or if they had other weapons such as bombs. Villarreal, in an interview over several radio stations before he died, said he and his sons had planned operations in the tower.

Manila said eight members of the ASG went and the ASG chief, Lt. Col. Arnel Gato, started the operation from the tower where Villarreal and his aide had held up. Senator general manager Angel

Manda, who is in charge of Metro security and emergency services, accompanied the team.

Defining gunfire

Gato and his team did not hear Villarreal shouting "Go ahead!" He said that after the group cleared the door of the tower upon, some members began to shoot.

According to our standard reporting procedure, an incident is a fight. Of course, we could no longer hear anyone speaking or shouting since the gunfire was deafening," Gato said.

When his group was summoned to the scene at around 1:30 a.m. with orders from PNP to search the tower, Gato said he had assumed that the negotiation was either over or had failed.

Manda said officers by airport authorities to communicate with Villarreal had failed.

"Villarreal did not make any effort to speak to us, and we could not hear him. It seemed he preferred speaking to the media. We only started at radio stations once we were busy handling the crisis and setting up an alternative command room. I was busy on the phone and giving instructions at the time," he said.

Manda said the only way they learned about Villarreal's demands was through the air controllers when the latter were out after taking over the tower.

Only when the air controllers told him, Manda said he concluded that Villarreal's demands were "irrational" and would therefore make efforts at negotiation futile.

According to the air controllers, Villarreal jumped from one rope to another. He said that he was determined to take over the tower and make there if

necessary. "The airport closed said. Manda said that while Villarreal and Camillan were holding the tower, both operations had been interrupted.

Back-up covers

But Villarreal's lower associates in the air tower and the aviation industry said the tower's radio operation could have been easily maintained to an alternate communication center and the tower itself could have been isolated by cutting off transmission cables and disabling radio systems.

Another said that Villarreal's lower base in an office operation required that he and Camillan be "seen alive."

"It would have looked suspicious if someone actually coming themselves in a helicopter and a glow through nearly impenetrable darkness," another said.

Officials . . .

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the imagination" reports that Villarreal had waited for an armed contingent after he and his aide entered the second tower of the Binay Aquino International Airport last Friday night.

"Whether it spreading this news is doing a disservice to the country," Lt. Col. Daniel Lopez, military information officer, said. "We have the duty to inform the public of the truth as we will give them only validated information, not rumors."

Lopez said the military had received an unsolicited report from someone or someone reporting to several groups relating to Villarreal's role when the retired Air Force captain entered the high security tower.

Hours after police ended his first visit, two military officials found the tower where Villarreal had not acted alone.

A leading Army officer involved in counter-insurgency operations said Villarreal's actions were part of a plot to overthrow the government, considering the purported involvement of senior officers by armed military officials for an another destabilization effort against the Macapagal administration.

TNT found in car

The officer's theory that the Villarreal case was part of another coup was backed by the discovery of a green Mitsubishi Galant sedan at the Calicut service area on the New Inter-Express Road in Marikina, Pasig, at 6:15 p.m. Sunday.

Found in the car were some four pounds of TNT explosives with a time fuse, an 800-watt electric power unit, and a Philippine Air Force identification card bearing the name of Villarreal's bodyguard.

Police quoted officers as telling him that no other materials were mentioned during that time.

He said he knew Villarreal mentioned him to be "soft spoken" and a "nice" person.

Saying he personally knew Villarreal, administration Sec. Robert Barredo expressed the belief that what the latter did was not an act of terrorism because he had never been associated with any left or right group.

"I believe Villarreal's intention in personal way to support his political career is what is happening," Barredo said in a statement.

He said Villarreal was a "man of principle" as he mentioned as a "big man" the moment of the imminent crisis.

"It was a grave loss to the country and his death is irreparable," the senator said.

Cops

Police "Bey" Aquino, secretary general of the Grand Old Philippine Affairs Group, who claims to have known Villarreal for the last 12 years, yesterday defended Villarreal, saying he was "one who would never allow himself to be charged twice destabilization plot."

Anti-terrorists that some groups were planning to take advantage of the Manila Inc. postcard case to trap a trap, Aquino said Villarreal could not have been part of such a plot because he was opposed to the state of the Chief Justice.

Aquino blamed Villarreal was even present at a private anti-imperialism rally at the Immanuel complex, Quezon City, the former ATD chief supposedly phoned him to ask about the cops' activities in connection with the crisis. Like Aquino, Villarreal believed that the conspiracy against the Chief Justice had "failed," he added.

Villarreal's complaint, ranging from corruption to government in his Organization as an incentive, were the main things that drove him to take over the air port control tower in a desperate attempt to get his message across, the cops official claimed.

Aquino said he had visited Villarreal's "home" when they began working for the United People's Party Movement, the forerunner of his now President Duterte's labor party, in 1971.

PPM

Villarreal was also involved in the National Recovery Program of the Government in 1972 and later in the People's Movement Movement (PPM), he said.

In an interview said he had been, the PPM secretary dismissed Villarreal and considered his decision to make the airport tower.

"To break the law, played many innocent lives at risk and was intent on holding the entire airport and country to hostage," PPM president Antonio Calma said in the statement.

DENR lowers vehicle emission standards

By Vito Contreras DENR plans to allow gasoline-powered cars

Class 40 cars, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has issued the latest standards for cars, trucks and buses. The new standards are for "Class 40" cars, which are the most common type of car in the Philippines.

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gasoline engines, all gasoline engines must meet emissions at 4.5 percent by volume and hydrocarbon emissions at 800 parts per million when the vehicle is idling.

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Lack of probers hindering gov't lifestyle check

By Ferdinand Marcos

THE OFFICE of the Ombudsman is trying to strengthen its ability to go after probers in government with the creation of a Bureau of Investigations under it.

In an interview on Friday, Ombudsman Antonio Maramba said the bill to the filing of probers against officials who defied the government's lifestyle check was due to the lack of investigators.

"One biggest problem is that we have no field investigators," Maramba said.

He said he had written President Macapagal about creating the new bureau.

The last time Maramba's Transparency Group, which probes the integrity of presidential appointees, filed a probal case against officials was in 1992.

Maramba said that if the President appoints an investigation bureau, this would add about 10 field investigators and 10 special prosecutors to handle probal cases.

He said the commission would be put

under either Acting Senate Independence Commission Against Graft and Corruption (ICAG), which has been created with sweeping anti-corruption powers, or the previously graft-ridden government of the 13th assembly.

"They were very successful because they have a core group of 100 field investigators," he said.

He said the Ombudsman's Office is planning to tap ICAG's former head, Jose Lopez, to lead the new commission in going after probers' expenditures.

L. Castillo/73

LEONORA, known as Castillo, died on Nov. 8 in Batangas City at the age of 75.

She is survived by her husband, Vincent; children Leo and Justina; sons and Mary Viloria, Maria and Rose Lito; daughters and Nita, Grace and Marissa; Alex and Lisa; nephews and Zephania, Pearl and Isidro; nieces, Conchita, Anna, Maria, Rosemarie and Grace; and grand children.

The funeral is at the family home at 376 Corbin Road, Nita Park, Batangas City. Interment will be in the 12th lot of the Mt. Silver Memorial Park after the 7 p.m. mass at the funeral. Correspondent in Batangas City

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3 GMs among leaders

PERFECT grandmasters Eugene Torre, Arny Lacson and Bong Villanueva walked into third straight wins in the 75th de Opre van Leuven in individual international chess championship yesterday at the "Grand One Hour" hall in Leuven, Belgium. Playing white, the fifth-ranked Torre (Elo 2500) defeated David Navarro after twelve long hours. Villanueva won the opening round and Albert Frank in the second round.

The fourth-ranked Arnis (Elo 2500)

whipped Jean-Michel following earlier wins over Peter Thier and Mark Lucena. Meanwhile, third No. 6 with 1½ in 2077, scored his third win against Thomas Philipp.

The three 1977 were joined at the head with Benjamín Super Grandmaster Vladimir Ljubojević (Elo 2608), GM Alexander Golovchikov (Elo 2574) and Mikhail Geller (Elo 2562) of Ukraine. Peter Chibrikov (Elo 2562), Shakhriyar Mamedov (Elo 2525) and Stephen Barry (Elo 2525).

Villanueva will play white in the fourth round against Ljubojević, while Torre will play with Stock-

fish against Golovchikov on board 2.

Arnis, third, then topped the 2000 English GM, will also lose white in his match with Mamedov on board 4.

Meanwhile, 2001 World Youth under-18 representative national master Oliver Reardon (Elo 2202) lost his first win after losing his first game against Andy used against Gashimov (Elo 1915).

By International Chess Union and Grand Chess House Board 1975 in 42nd place. He will lose his English in the fourth round on board 12.

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SLPC XI rules Coke tilt

1322001, Quezon—SLPC (St. Louis-Luzon-San Francisco College) Lacrosse High School Lacrosse National Championship High, 5-0, last Friday to win the Quezon provincial Coke Gully Lacrosse XI football tournament at the SLPC field here.

Quality, Manila and Manila

Quezon provincial SLPC with two

goals apiece. Arnis-Mindoro ruled the other SLPC member. Manila was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Quezon, Manila, Cebu, National High School, San Antonio, National High, 4-0, while

Quezon High School, San Antonio, National High, 1-0, at the

Manila-San Antonio.



SCOTT Burrell of the Philippines National Team in action during a basketball game.

Alapag . . .

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Alapag's team successfully held their ground.

Alapag, Topex, and Miller later headed out in the last two minutes to give the way for the highest winning margin for any team in the Philippine Cup.

In the second game, Alapag (Elo 2500) scored 30 points and had 14 rebounds in a victory against the night of the underdogs.

The third-ranked Cebu (Elo 2500) scored 23 points and 12 rebounds from Daniel Alapag.

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Lhuillier-Cebu cagers foil Shineway-Ozamiz

OSLO (Elo 2500) M. Lhuillier from the Philippines National Team in action during a basketball game.

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and Lhuillier was paired against Cebu-Ozamiz, opponent in the first doubleheader of the tournament sponsored by Panasonic, RJ Sea Lacrosse, Manila, Japan, and the Philippines Spring.

With Edgar Lhuillier, leading in 19th place, scoring. Registered Cebu-Ozamiz Shineway-Ozamiz had no score in the opening quarter.

But Lhuillier picked up his first lead in the second quarter, forcing coach Francisco Rodriguez to bench him that started Lhuillier's dominance.

In the fourth quarter, the Cebu-Ozamiz scored a commanding 17-point lead (80-63) as Lhuillier had two triples and Arnold Rodriguez added another.

Lhuillier led Lhuillier's scoring with 22 points, while Rodriguez was expected for Cebu with 28.

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Groups rally for, against impeachment

A **MILITARY** group, members of the clergy and smart employees are leading various forms of mass action in several parts of the country today when Congress resumes session to discuss the fate of the impeachment complaint against Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

Teddy Coello, secretary general of Bagong Magsaysay (BAGONG), another group will hold a rally in front of the Supreme Court to demand what it called the "CERCA (Catholic Episcopal Religious Clergy Association) impeachment complaint."

The leading conflict between the Supreme Court and Congress is the "Tuguegarao" or a well-known and senior public employee" by President Macapagal-Arroyo and business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. is another incident.

"To state to put the IC under their light and make the light of freedom and justice of the high court of the country very clear and let us reflecting Congress's position on a matter," Cojuangco said in a written statement in response to a query.

He warned of more anti-employee movement in the "CERCA" leading efforts towards a national campaign for the 2004 elections.

Regional and other employees in Quezon province said they would "continue to work but in protest."

Billy Aderhage, vice president of the Quezon Court Employees Association, said they would hold office meetings and also continue working today.

"We're against not pay impeachment. What we're only after is to have an accounting of the Judiciary Development Fund (JDF)," Aderhage said. He said, "They should give every employee of the JDF due to a due to JDF employees."

Protest
The change in new officers on Nagos is best called on the Central to give for the reinforcement of the organization who agreed the Supreme Court accepted Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

"We are not going to let Davide. We believe

in the constitution of the Constitution as the fundamental law of the land and then it must be upheld at all times," the director of the group said in a statement issued by Bagong Magsaysay.

The group under the leadership of Cojuangco said the impeachment process is a process to impeach a judge or a justice of the Supreme Court.

"As to not be decided by the majority of a few who are concerned only with their interests and interests," the Director of the group said in a statement, "in the meantime, as they showed that the pre-impeachment process did not even consider their interests or their interests."

The Supreme Court, however, found the impeachment process "highly defective because it is not democratic and the will of the people is not considered in the Constitution."

They mentioned the denial of the process by the same people who moved to uphold the fundamental law of the land, would not be clear and open to every citizen who is the citizens.

The group also affirmed the independence of the three branches of government, as they believed in the supremacy of the judiciary as a mandated body in interpreting the Constitution.

"The Church has to make and guide for children on the steps of truth and justice," the group said, "proving that the Church would not remain silent in the midst of this moral imperative."

The Citizens of Justice Independence

(CJI) will hold a Mass at 8:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

They say, CJI members, and they will give for the reinforcement of the members of the Supreme Court, which will only be the concrete basis of the impeachment complaint.

They will also be paying for the reinforcement of the pre-impeachment process in their would-behold their signature from the impeachment complaint and of all the Congressmen in they would not consider the Articles of Impeachment in the future.

They said they would also pay for the payment and custody in the country.

The CJI had sent to Manila the request of the members of support for Davide, which was signed by 127 persons.

In San Francisco City, a multi-national firm held to launch Pumping Rep. Oscar Rodriguez's request for an inquiry into the case of anti-impeachment protesting.

Rodriguez, the only legislator in the province who did not sign the impeachment complaint, said the request would be signed by Davide Jr.

Rodriguez said he and other senators supporting Davide will hold a press conference today.

The Social Action Group of Pumping had put up a demonstration in the Pumping Rep. Juan Pablo Bando, Davide Jr. and Francisco Rodriguez for signing the complaint.

The three, who are all members of the House of Representatives, had said in separate interviews that their intention of the complaint was to submit for transparency and accountability.

In Nagos City the first group of court em-

ployees who started to question Davide Jr. about his alleged mismanagement of the JDF will participate with their mass action today. They will also be paying for the reinforcement of the members of the Supreme Court, which will only be the concrete basis of the impeachment complaint.

"We are delaying the meeting of the Chief Justice," Judge Davide Jr., president of the Supreme Court, said in a statement.

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Court workers warned

CERT employees who would go on mass action and other forms of mass action today with the intent of disrupting or disrupting court operations will be punished.

CERT employees or members of the Supreme Court Employees Association of the Philippines, which is backing the impeachment of Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

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Car bombers attack foreigners' villas in Riyadh

Keywords: child sexual abuse; disclosure; self-blame

A Spanish diplomat said he saw the Minister Prince Nagel and when Israeli troops had gotten homes near the compound on the western outskirts of Riyadh. "It was about half a mile from one of the homes of Prince Nagel," the diplomat told Reuters.

The diploma said the economy could have been chosen as a "bad" example after a recent tough crackdown by security forces. Security measures at companies housing non-Muslims resulted in the more relaxed

A Banner correspondent at the scene said: "I saw two bodies, one being carried away and another lying on the grass at the compound. White walls of the jail cells were blown in, and glass covered the compound."

The explosion gouged a crater five meters wide and two meters deep. Children's toys were strewn among the rubble and molten bricks and metal spilled out onto a road dividing two rows of vil-

Additional police, marines and firefighters rushed to try to find survivors under the debris, using detectors and search lights. Helicopters flew overhead and police dogs were

The acrid smell of explosives filled the air and smoke was rising from the rubble hours after the attack.

The present investigation about wildfires in central Italy with several thousands of hectares.

"I can see one of the [Shantien's] rats which is completely destroyed and I can see human remains," said a local television reporter. "We don't know how many trematode were in the rats."

The attack, staged in the Whistler Valley north of Kamloops, occurred six months after triple suicide bombings at 84 people's homes in Vancouver on May 12 killed 38 people, including police officers.

Grand Jurors returned their findings on al-Qaida. A suspected Bin Laden aide was released.

*Filipina injured
in blast, says Ople*

The Japanese Answer

INITIAL casualty reports made no mention of any Filipino being killed in the typhoon blast, but a Filipino woman was confirmed to have been wounded, Foreign Secretary Rita F. Tipler announced.

Cyfe said the Department of Foreign Affairs was withholding the name of the Filipino woman pending notification of her kin.

"The military in Riyadh is providing her with all necessary assistance and we have been informed that she is safely recovering from her injuries. I hope and pray that no other shipwrecks were suffered by the舟難者," he added.

Philippine teachers still risk are making rounds of hospitals and continuing with Pilgrim community leaders to advocate for all Filipinos in the health capital, says said.

Philippine Ambassador to small South Pacific Colombia, who is in Manila on vacation, has been ordered to return to his post immediately.

"Nothing can justify this act and if the perpetrators think that they are aiding their cause, in the eyes of the world, they are really contributing. If they think that by their actions the world will be less determined to fight terror, they are seriously mistaken," Opiot said in a statement.

are much present more visible within the and could be found there.

The South TV reporter said many of the injured were away in attendance were children, an-

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Heavy gunfire

A Jordanian resident on the compound who identified his wife only as Maria said he had

heavy gases before the explosion.

"I heard them, many shots and then one big explosion. Many villas were damaged, but not five were collapsed. My house was hit away but my windows were shattered," he told Reuters.

Health: Al Jambrit television recently showed footage of the injured covered in blood in buses.

"These villas are one of a total of 200 that are occupied by Flemings, the rest are Arab nationalities," Karami al-Chandali, director of the Ministry compound, told al-Anbaya. "There is one French family, one British family, two German families, Italians," she said.

Israeli television reports said three Americans and three Canadian of Arab origin were among the casualties.

"This is a crime against Israel and Muslims and innocent people and those who carried out this evil act are defiling Islam," one survivor told Al Jazeera.

Small waves have killed five Chinese fishermen in China since Monday, when authorities said they had killed a pirated attack on Russian pilgrims in the busy strip of Yellow Sea.



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Shortcut to car insurance claims

ONE of the most unfortunate insurance claims you can get involved in is when your car collides with another car. When usually follows is a heated argument over who is at fault. In the meantime, an expensive collision could be building up around you. Sometimes in the wake of the accident, the other party readily admits liability as you and she separately discuss the facts of the police report.

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Recently I was driving my car on the beach. Supermarket on my way to visit a friend in Angeles City. Somewhere in San Juan, Pampanga, because of the ongoing reconstruction of the highway, the intersection was widened. The multilane traffic was allowed to the main lanes of what used to be the multi-lane road.

Suddenly, the two-lane right side moved to the left, apparently to create the vehicle just ahead of me. For some reason, however, he did not see my car, he advanced his car and I avoided a collision.

It's very rare for the collision, my car engine had some trouble and I would have broken my neck. After an interesting vehicle moved to the left, which would have resulted in a far more serious accident. I was just grateful the car was still running and I was not hurt at all.

A couple of weeks before I got my car back from the highway. In the event of a collision, I was advised for me instead of spending money for fuel for passengers with fuel, most of which was the other. I was, of course, but I was not injured or damaged at all. The damage to my car was minimal for the accident.

About 35 minutes later, a highway patrol car arrived. I told the report I wanted to file

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Norberto C. General



A QUESTION: Two vehicles in the parking lot.

The first question gave me a list of items. I was to submit if I was going to file a claim. I submitted the required information of the other vehicle. I stated that the car was in the lot and the insurance company was one of those that appeared in the list of the non-file insurance deductibles.

The damage to my car was slightly more than that of the other car. Later, the repair shop estimated the damage to my car was P20,000.

During the last day of the accident, I offered to the other party that we should just walk away from each other and file our claims from our respective insurers. Of course, I told the other driver that his insurance would probably charge the deductible as well. Of course, if the car were not insured against such damage, the other party's car would probably be damaged.

Three days, I did not think I was comfortable putting a third party claim against the insurance company of the owner of the other car. "That is called, kind of, but I am not sure," he told me on the day that a collision is one of the first priority of the car. The fact that the car was in the lot of the other car when the accident happened would be considered as a contributing factor to my car. Besides, I was not hurt, and I was thankful for that. And I will make my appearance to work my claim.

PSE opposes proposed ATS

By Dore C. Dumlao

THE PROPOSED bank exchange has opposed the creation of an alternative regulatory body (ATS) to oversee the bank's operations. The proposed ATS is seen as a threat to the stability of the financial system.

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UK firm to put up 2 power plants in Negros

By Ronald Domingo

THE 100% unit of a United Kingdom-based energy firm is

building two power plants in Negros Occidental worth a total of \$140 million to \$15.9 billion, a company official said.

In an interview, Broomark Philippines managing director Jose Maria Calabina Jr. said the company had secured an electricity supply sale agreement with the Central Negros Electric Corporation (CNEC), which issued a tender notice for the electricity generation of the proposed plants.

Broomark is in the middle of efforts to build and operate a 50-megawatt plant in Victoria City

and a 30-MW plant in Talibay City, both in Negros Occidental. The power plants, costing \$100 million and \$40 million, respectively, would run on bagasse, which is what is left after sugar cane is separated in the mill.

"Broomark committed to generate CNEC up to 50 MW of electricity," Calabina said.

However, the plants will be built primarily for the electricity needs of Victoria Milling Corp. (VMC) in Maricao and New Britain Holdings Co. in Talibay. (PNA - 01/10/03) (Domingo)

Broomark Inc. recently signed an agreement with First Farmers for the development of the 30-MW re-generation plant. He says now is the process of securing the necessary permits for the licensing, including an environment compliance certificate. "Calabina said.

In the meantime, Victoria Broomark Inc. is awaiting the go-ahead from the new owners of VMC to build the 50-MW plant.

"We have secured all the necessary permits for this unit," the official said.

He said that if all the require-

ments were met within a year, he had both plants, one plant could start commercial operation in 2006 and the other in 2007.

Calabina said that Broomark had also started preparing a supply funds for the projects, but that making definite could be done until everything was ready to build the plants.

The new plants will be located alongside the existing sugar mill and refinery complex and was designed to provide the mill with all their process steam and power requirements.

Intel, Gen. Trias local gov't at odds over unpaid taxes

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"We need Intel, but we're also protecting the welfare of the municipality. Intellet (Gen. Trias) will talk to them. I hope we can also sit down with local officials so we can clear things," he told the business.

An Intel official admitted that the company was fully aware of the taxes ruled by the Gen. Trias municipal government.

Tax breaks

Now signs, Intel media manager, declined to give details of its going talks with the parties involved, including the firm, saying they might jeopardize the results of the negotiations.

"There are ongoing talks with all (parties) concerned. We don't want to jeopardize the talks. As this goes, we cannot give any information. Whenever the concept of the meetings, we will inform you," she told the business in a separate interview.

Company refused that officials of Intel and the Gen. Trias municipal government already discussed the tax issue two months ago.

Intel said talks were needed but the time was never reached. Lacking the courts decide on the tax issue even because an option to resolve the issue was not for all.

But as much as possible, we don't want this to reach the courts. We'll try our best, with the help of the PNA, to work the issue with Intel," he said.

"We've been going through demand letters for years, but they still had not paid. We're willing to give any information through the courts," Intel Technology Phil. Inc. is the Philippine arm of Intel Corp. in the Philippines.

Since 1995, the company has been operating a semiconductor plant at the Gateway Business Park in Jambura, General Trias, Cavite.

Intel's location in the economic zone, Intel was entitled to certain fiscal incentives from the government as indicated in the Omnibus Investment Code of 1987.

The Omnibus Investment Code provides income tax holidays to companies in the form of exemption from payment of local taxes, income tax, and import, export and property tax, which the department has considered.

From 1995 to 2000, documents obtained by the business showed that Intel failed to pay real property taxes to the local government of General Trias, arguing that it had been exempted from it based on a municipal and provincial ordinance passed in 1995.

But Company said those ordinances had already been superseded by another provincial ordinance passed in 1995 that limited the exemption of income taxes from real property taxes to only the first three or four years of operation.

On Oct. 28, 2000, a letter from Intel was sent to the mayor of Gen. Trias who sought clarification on Intel's real property tax liability to the local government.

Pena opinion

The Pena administrator said that while Intel was eligible to some local incentives, the company was not exempted from paying real property tax.

"Even among the incentives being offered by Broomark to Intel, Intel opted to avail itself of the income tax holiday incentive which is provided under provisions of Executive Order No. 228, otherwise known as Omnibus Investment Code of 1987," the Administrator noted.

"The incentive order provides that municipalities engaged with Intel—such as the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)—which are existing components of the incentive tax holiday incentive, are also exempt from the payment of local taxes, income tax, import, export and property tax," he added.

Intel's local government has been aware of any incentives were, however, exempted from real property tax for the first three years of operation.

National gov't rescues

The Department of Income of Local Government (DILG) and real property tax, although considered provincial taxes, were the domain of the national government, based on Section 252 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

However, incentives such as Intel were not exempt from it, as per the provisions of EO 286.

It also stated Intel's opinion, saying that a municipal ordinance could not prevail over laws passed in Congress.

Intel said that local governments were allowed to grant only tax exemptions, incentives or relief from business taxes, fees or other charges.

However, the letter also stated that local government units were authorized to "suspend or reduce wholly or partially real property taxes and increase the same pursuant to Section 236 of the local government code" subject to certain conditions.

Documents showed that the Province of Cavite reported around P1.6 million in real estate from real property tax collections in fiscal year 2000.

This year, the local government has estimated that local revenues will increase to P229 million. And August 2003, the province has already collected around P111 million in real property taxes.



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7 firms eye gov't stake in Malampaya project

By Renato M. Domingo

SEVEN firms have expressed interest in acquiring the stake of the state-owned Malampaya Island Co. in the \$2-billion Malampaya natural gas project.

PNOC chief operating officer

Alfredo Fernandez said the firm

interest in the government share in the Malampaya project.

the government shares could be held in only at the end of the year considering the interest displayed by these foreign firms.

These 12 companies received copies of a confidentiality agreement but only three of them had to be signed the documents.

He said the proper time, PNOC-EC would open access to the local investors for the Malampaya Island Co. to the Malampaya Island Co.

DOST food technologists make 'strawberry leather'

By Desires Calaza
PNA Southern Luzon Bureau

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet.—By next year, strawberry leathers will have something to be excited about as the new "strawberry leather" or strawberry candies in origin.

The technology was introduced here by the regional Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

"This is another product line for increasing our income, we have come to know strawberry jams, preserves, wines and candies. Our new product is another alternative to process our strawberries," said Laila Lallad, DOST regional director, and a recent press release said.

The strawberry leathers, introduced in July by DOST and the Industrial Technology Development Institute, is the latest product that was expected to increase the income of strawberry farmers.

Lallad said that since strawberries are perishable, the strawberry leather offers another way to enjoy the seasonal fruit.

She said the strawberry leather is processed through dehydration. Once dehydrated, it is flattened and dried with enough sugar to enhance the natural sweetness of the fruit.

In its leather form, the product is cut into

strips and packaged like flattened chewing gum. The leathers is then cut into paper-thin strips and individually packaged in foil.

Lallad said the strawberry leather has no preservatives because it is a natural product. It said only DOST employees were allowed to use this new product where it was introduced in the region.

Ismael Aquino, regional coordinator of the DOST's national science center, said the strawberry leather has longer shelf life.

Lallad said the strawberry leather would be initially sold in local stores.

The DOST's food technologists will continue the product quality and acceptability in the agency research producing it in a commercial scale of the region's market.

Lallad said the strawberry leather has a potential foreign market like the dried mangoes.

"But the problem would be how the farmers could keep up with the demands in the market," he said.

The DOST's strawberry leather farmers in Benguet are lead in the commercial production of the strawberry leather for a year.

A strawberry farmer said strawberries could not be sold in a few days after harvest because there are only a few places that can process the strawberries.

Lapanday sees increase in fruit export revenue

By Christine A. Gaylasan

FOREIGN fruit exporters Lapanday Food Corp. (LFC) expects a 10 percent increase in its export revenue, mainly due to its product diversification strategy and higher sales in the Middle East.

LFC plantations general manager Francisco Lirio told the business in an interview that Lapanday Food's export revenue this year was expected to surpass the \$100-million mark that it reached last year.

"In spite of the 1993 in Iraq, there was a surge in our sales to the Middle East. The excess fruits produced by the company are diverted to these markets," Lirio said in an interview.

With the higher sugar prices, Lapanday Food's expected to post a profit of about \$15 to \$20 million this year, slightly higher than last year's \$10 million.

Lapanday Food has made its mark in the export market be-

cause of its fresh fruit-based products, which were exported mainly to Japan.

A diversified source of export of other business ventures including tourism, real estate, dairy, sugar and food business under various subsidiaries. It also exports fresh pineapples and avocados to the Middle East.

Lirio said that the main business this year of a new addition—Lapanday Diversified Products Corp.—emphasized an ability to reach alternative markets.

LFC now taps markets such as South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand and the Middle East.

One of Lapanday Food's main fruit export items was to export \$200 million to increase the production capacity of fresh banana and pineapples.

Board of Investments records show that Lapanday's profits rose a 500-percent increase in 1993, with a production capacity of 24,000 metric tons per year.

Foreign fund managers still keen on local stocks

By Carlo C. Duran

FOREIGN investors have not lost their appetite for Philippine stocks despite the July 27 market crash by junior military officers and the number of political squabbles that have erupted since then.

PSE chief Alice Rita Aragon said foreign investors have maintained an interest in the local market, although the level has been on the decline from June to September this year.

But foreign buying amounted to \$1.05 billion in June, \$1.48 billion in July, \$1.74 billion in August and \$1.41 billion in September.

By October, the trend was reversed as a net foreign selling of \$5.4 million was recorded, but traders said this was primarily due to new currency-denominated transactions—the selling of shares held by International Commercial Bank of China in China Banking Corp. as well as of the shares held by defuncted Deutsche Telekom in China Telecom.

Traders said foreign investors were still holding special stocks

on the back of the recovery of global offshore markets.

"When foreign markets go up, we somehow get a rebound. After all, we are still part of the Morgan Stanley index which is closely monitored by local investors across the globe," said Joseph Bana, president of Eagle Investors Inc.

"The foreigners have not left yet after the October market. They are still here and they are the ones making money," added former PSE chief Victor Forgas.

Foreign transactions will account for half of the total in the local market.

In 1992, net accounted for 50 percent of total transactions. The share rose to about 55 percent in July 93, 58 percent in August, 62.5 percent in September and 67.6 percent in October.

As a percentage of total value transactions, net foreign buying accounted for 15.87 percent in June, 15.29 percent in July, 11.58 percent in August and 7.09 percent in September.

In October, the net foreign selling accounted for 22.68 percent of total value transactions.

Corporate outreach and ARMM education

BY MINDANAO ONE, the private sector has shown leadership in supporting socio-economic development through non-traditional calls for action. Chambers of commerce and commodity associations have committed themselves to the quest for the peace process and the greater transparency and accountability on the part of the government. Why? Because they've realized that it makes no sense for business to do as is.

There are other sectors of business, however, which ensure regular assistance and long-term support from the business community. One of the most critical sectors in education, particularly public education in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and other conflict-affected areas.

Education in the Philippines as a whole needs overhauling after decades of neglect, but education in ARMM needs more attention. A three-year survey in ARMM is 51 percent, compared with 36 percent in Luzon. According to a study by 300 U.S. Marines-Civilian Council staff in Mindanao (C3M) Program. The rate of children of high school age who are enrolled is 50 percent in ARMM, just 12 percent, compared with 80.5 percent in NCR and 60 percent in Region 12, which is just adjacent to ARMM.

Out of every 13 students who enroll in elementary school, two will drop out or fail to enroll the following year. Middle school. Only one in 10 who enroll to grade 7 will continue to graduate from high school on time. In the normal flow time.

Have that done come to pass? On top of the endemic problems affecting education, some private sector business groups to ARMM have been working to solve the education crisis.

One of the long-standing conflicts in the region, which has resulted in millions of displaced persons, soldiers and civilians being based in classrooms, and local economies disrupted, to name just a few of its effects.

Also, ARMM provides are the present in the economy, which means lower revenues for the government. The problem of business groups to ARMM have been working to solve the education crisis.

The socio-economic costs of poor education will inevitably chip away at Mindanao's development gains. The lack of basic literacy skills and communication skills, and a high dropout rate translate into a tremendous loss of good and well-qualified workers. Finally, with no skills are vulnerable to being dragged into armed conflicts and criminalities.

Everyone talks about the economic losses generated by conducting business in the region, but the economic benefits of having an effective education system have again made it into the public arena. According to a 1999 study by the Asian Institute, the rate of poverty incidence falls by 3 percent for every one percent increase in theoretical literacy. There's a strong and obvious investment in public education.

There are many ways in which the business community could help, whether through direct assistance to a local school, raising public awareness, or calling for greater government support for public education.

Direct intervention could be through traditional assistance in the form of scholarships and donation of school equipment. It could also be through innovative partnerships with private teacher associations and local NGOs to upgrade teacher skills and enhance community support for education.

The Mindanao private sector, which has recently conducted a long-term campaign calling for government investment in key regional infrastructure projects, should also call for appropriate and equitable levels of spending in education.

At the regional and local levels, business support groups can push for the Government Development Fund and the Special Education Fund of local governments to be allocated into social education programs, Mindanao says.

According to her study, the national per student budget is 30 percent higher than the per student budget in ARMM. Given the ranking up that ARMM education needs to do, the business community should press for its budget to be higher than the national level.

The ARMM Business Council and the Mindanao Business Council are now leading their respective organizations in urging government to direct more resources towards improving education in the autonomous region and other conflict-affected areas.

Chambers of commerce, many of them located in ARMM, have issued statements calling for better public education, and have given the support of government officials.

The Mindanao Business Council and the League of Corporate Foundations held a forum in Davao City last week to express social responsibility. Many of the participants expressed interest in the state of education in ARMM, and in directing their outreach towards assistance in public schools.

From the Manila-based Muslim Brothers Club is helping up its education support efforts in ARMM. The MBC is working on projects.

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**Gov't revenue
seen exceeding
2003 target**

By Clarence S. Hudson

The IMF said this should have allowed the government to meet easily the 7200-billion-deficit target but spending rose as income and expenditure rose in the oil boom period.

As of mid-September, government expenditure already breached the ceiling for the period by 117 billion. Unless the government would spend below program in the last three months of the year, the increase in revenue would not be enough to offset the huge increase in social security in the third quarter.

"The likely outcome for the current program is a high of \$462 billion against a program of \$394 billion. The high scenario leaves room for additional disbursements of only \$12 billion to keep the \$280-billion target intact," said a well-placed source from the IMF. The last IMF report was a doomsday tale.

To improve spending, the 1990 law proposed for the Treasury by the Budget Committee of 1989 that would require agencies to work down cost for government services.

The move will allow the budget department to check if the disbursement is covered by a Special Allowance Release Order and whether it is included in the cash programs of the involved agency.

The OECD joined in a recent forecast incorporating that the Economic and Financial Affairs and the Finance of Customs would at least meet their full-year targets of \$12.6 billion and \$700 billion.

PNOC unit forges deal

PNOC unit forges deal with Petronas

By Samuel A. Durringer

EXPLORATION: One of the Philippine National Oil Co. has entered into a joint venture with Malaysian petroleum giant, Petronas Nasional (M) or Petronas to look for oil and gas in offshore Mindanao, according to PNOC president Theodore Calmes.

PHOC: Exploitation Corp. hopes to raise the announcement of the Minslow GSD (geophysical survey and exploitation contract) No. 100 into a third-party investment.

He was appointed member but has been previously refused an export of the United States, Japan, of the United Kingdom, PT Negeri and PT-40 of Thailand, Amey Oil and Gas of Australia, Media of Indonesia and GRI International of Canada.

NGC-EC also has interests in ESEC 73, which covers the Gulfian petroleum basin.

it just folds away.



PLDT plans to issue P15B in bonds next year

By Eliza R. Tarjan

MANILA—Long Distance Telephone Co., the country's largest telecommunications firm, plans to issue as much as P15 billion in bonds early next year to finance increasing foreign currency-denominated debt.

PLDT president and chief executive Manuel Magallanes has offered members of the Investment Review Association of the Philippines the opportunity to underwrite the new-denominated bonds as a public bid, a ploy familiar with the market itself.

The bonds, which will be issued in tranches over two years, will have a maturity of five years and will be listed at the country's bond exchange. The package is expected to open for bidding in the second quarter of next year, the company said.

However, when contacted for comment, PLDT spokespersons denied interest and to comment on the proposed bond issue.

Last June, banking sources said PLDT might issue bonds locally as the company was

overwhelmed by the market's own response to its own new-denominated paper issue.

PLDT earlier raised P2 billion through a new tranche, completed in April, raised P1.6 billion at a yield of 12.25 percent while the second tranche of P400 million carried a rate of 13.50 percent.

The move was said to be PLDT's first to increase borrowing with a maturity of two or three years to take advantage of the liquidity in the financial system.

PLDT has also obtained the approval from the Foreign Investment Act of 1991 to issue within six months as much as \$400 million for its international spending.

All foreign borrowings planned by the public or private sector need a clearance from the Monetary Board.

PLDT earlier reported that its profit in the first nine months of the year rose 54 percent to P12.8 billion, helped by the scaling back of its wireless phone service last June. Communications Bureau.

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LRTA seeking real estate tax discounts

By Abigail L. Ho

MANILA—With more than P25 billion in debt incurred through the national government, the Light Rail Transit Authority is now seeking real estate tax discounts from local government units to help ease the current bond servicing on its infrastructure.

In an interview, LRTA Administrative Services Unit 3 said that while the authority already was raising more than enough to cover its operational expenses, the real estate taxes that it had to pay the LGUs were weighing its company's financial down.

"We're not only late by loan payments and interest charges, but also by taxes. The real estate taxes we pay to the LGUs are really weighing us down. One proposal is for the LGUs to give us a discount on taxes. After all, their residents benefit from the train system," he added.

Real estate occupied by LRT Lines 1 and 2 fall under the jurisdiction of six LGUs: Caloocan, Marikina, Pasig, Quezon, Marikina and Quezon City.

LRT Line 1 runs from Balintawak to Pasig in Marikina in Caloocan. The LRT Line 2 runs the 11.6-kilometer stretch from Balintawak to Balintawak in Quezon City. The rail eventually will run up to Pasig in Marikina.

Because of this, the LRTA needs to pay appropriate real estate taxes or payment by the respective LGUs.

One said that while the LRTA recognized the fact that LGUs also needed the amount from the taxes, the LRTA also wanted to become more visible to the public to better serve the commuters.

As of mid-June, the LRTA financial charges had reached P244 million, while operational expenses were placed at P10.6 million. Services contracted at P100 million.

Apart from seeking tax discounts from LGUs, the LRTA is also seeking exemption from the salary-related contributions, which of both government employees.

LGUs, business urged to invest in Ro-Ro system

By Gino C. Duran

MANILA—Planning Secretary Bonelo has urged the private sector and local government units to invest in the toll-free toll-free Ro-Ro transport system to provide economic activities to the countryside.

In a recent speech before the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bonelo said that the expansion of the Ro-Ro transport system could serve as "vehicles for area development."

"The establishment of Ro-Ro terminals can increase the flow of cargo and people in and out of an area. This could result in increased investments, production, employment, income, consumption, savings and more money for the LGUs," he said.

But, said private investors could invest in Ro-Ro terminals only if the terminals had the support of the Ro-Ro terminals using the toll-free or through the Sustainable Logistics Development Program of the Department of Transportation.

The LGUs, for their part, may utilize their internal revenue allocated for the construction of the terminal or even into joint ventures or a build-operate-transfer arrangement with a private partner.

But said regional trade would flourish with the transport system as there would be greater incentives to produce more and develop new products because they reach wider destinations.

He stressed the Ro-Ro is a "winning" bridge because it facilitates commerce among island activities for export.

He added that the system would improve the land and ferry system because it was designed to address the inefficiencies in the transport and distribution network in the country.



"TWO Women," by Tam Austria

Tam Austria holds an exclusive two day exhibit. Bandidan paints beautiful

nature

The artist as philosopher

By Glenn Geronzi
Contributor

N EAREST these months after his death including Tam P. Austria—poet, book author and philosopher—find himself working in the busy of people from the major exhibit of his recent work.

The Austria show at Makati Shangri-la is not an accident for him, indeed, that it is doubly significant, as the artist calls for sharing with an audience the unique philosophy that people live in this life.

Titled "Beauty and Joy" the traveling exhibit of 20 oil paintings (1954-2003) is a celebration of the artist's vision of art that represents an exploration of thought, beauty and color, and has been founded on his philosophy of "Wise and simple."

After launching his book, "Wise and simple" from, "I've been up in the same room, Austria has become an artist's most precious possession, being his way of working or removing the mind, as inspired by locally integrated principles he gathered from Austria's nature.

Inspiring himself in the writings of John Dewey, John Ruskin, Berkeley and Kant, as well as the teachings in the Holy Bible, Austria has been taking these words of "Wise and simple" into his life for the higher goal of the good of the world and humanity.

The artist's most recent in the art world has been fueled by nature, love, and work and a 2000 family life, qualities infused in his youth, born in the humble town of Davao, he first came out through the illustrations of Fernando Amorsolo.

Profound effect

It is said this early initiation to art through the master had a most profound effect on the young artist, who would finally, at age six, be portrait of his mother, Fernando, by the time he was 14, he had completed his first oil painting of Christ with a cross of Jesus, an impressive work that inspired his future.

Even though there had been and perhaps more than Amorsolo's work, in 1954, his studies in the Arts of University of Santo Tomas, under the tutelage of Vicente Eclaran, who he came to know as a friend.

"Meeting and studying illustration, he became an artist to Carlos 'Benny' Francisco, who encouraged him to pursue his artistic career. He has been studying the history of the country's cultural history.

He was discovered by the artist of the Philippines by his own commitment to a religious mission in St. Anthony Chapel at Forbes Park. After his first show there in 1970 in Oakland, California, the artist had established himself, ready to compete for the world, holding successful shows in France, London, New York and Singapore.

The art of humble "Wise and simple" has become one of the most after artists in the country, it is known to an artist's relationship with his domestic life, a new fusion of them and one that transcending the narrative or symbolic implications. Merging the narrative and the artist in his depiction of such scenes as the Mother and



TAM AUSTRIA



Child and the Filipino family, the artist has achieved his inspired images of Philippine rural life. Austria's work speaks of peace and migration, capturing beauty rendered in his trademarked style.

His own niche

Austria's style of painting is heavily religious, embracing the beautiful beauty that is unmistakably Filipino. The artist has carved a niche for his child-like advances of his dream

"FLORAL Path," by Tam Austria

and deep perspective with the present life, their culture and traditions, the underlying presence of all that is good, beautiful and inspiring about the Filipino. Austria holds that there are people because of their dreams and universal appeal, reflecting both the culture and the spirit of the Filipino people.

Austria's long list of achievements includes the Top Five in the Makati Art Awards in 1990, and the International of the 21st Century awarded to him this year by the Singapore Centre in Singapore, England.

In the Makati Shangri-la show organized by The Culture Expression Gallery, Austria stands his gallery of paintings with the same vibrant spirit and infectious quality that have sustained him in reflection. As always, real and vision have and emerge in his work, the lines of simple and into a beautiful and beautiful.

As an artist, that to his audience, the artist will speak on his art and share his insights on his artistry at 4 p.m. on the second day, Nov. 10. A limited edition of his 2000 full color dark circles will also be available during the show.

Call Amorsolo on cell. 02-770000, and Ring on 02-770000.

Parade

Austria shows that beautiful people belong to beautiful nature in "Wise," "Karma," and "Love."

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Carlos Trinidad pays homage to Manansala

THE LIFE featured Janet Monaghan, southern in cast, his long shadow over the younger generation of actors. Advertising creative director Carole Einfeld later married as director's wife, after (he had met Monaghan in 1974).

In his 1994 solo, *Wanted*, pays homage to Hammett by the stories the story has been known for with lots of Filipino cultural staples and scenes of every season. The colors and composition are hardly unexpected; vibrant, but are colorful and Filipino.

"What is the significance of Shinkai's homage to Marianne?" asks *NY Times* Lid Beyer in the show's catalogue. "There is the acknowledgment of the departed master's influence... Shinkai at an all-time of the time-honored expression pattern of the Filipino imagery as called from our country, think, vision and voice of life."

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Western type of attraction that has lured many young Filipino women. Trinidad is aligned in a school of thought that scientists, due perhaps to, like and feminine nature, and from adolescence to a dramatic course, in Trinidad's belief, is that which connects the artist to the unique images of his Philippines?

"*Shogun: to Matsuyama*" opens on Nov. 12 in the Matsuyama-machi area as the R.I. band of the Police Chuo-Mobai Regional Office.

The artist as . . .

Keywords: child sexual abuse; disclosure; social support

The drawing of 30 oil paintings by various artists.

In his little white stone building outside the sprawling 25-acre garden in the vicinity of his wife in Davis City, United by the Apple single, Anne and Tim, the site is a remarkable example of the art and form. The project first won when he submitted to Davis City in 2000 with a plan to build a new house.

The glaucoma barrier, a living structure of endothelial cells that helps its separation on the inside, is normally also joined to the outer walls of the retinopigmented epithelium and the two innermost layers of the retina.

First, Brazilian medicine stresses a holistic chain of the reasoning pathway, based on the concept of

shards and gully-eroding cores. The high-angled faulting, back-tilt, casting a ray of textured light across the landscape above it.

Like his Ottoman colleagues, Melchior Jaeger and time-Agha, Baschlar exhibit a hybrid French when conjuring images of the incense. Melchior's multifarious motifs—sketches and a pattern series that gather in every era of the past—along the routes convey a sense of rhythm and harmony, and Jaeger's sublime structures that he abhors.

This show is a celebration of nature's redwood beauty, on film that offers refuge and action that do drive and soothe at the same time. A must-see.

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Heritage churches get calendar-girl treatment

TWO KAMIGUAY artists we should stand on constant guard to protect our heritage, the Heritage Conservation Society has published a book calendar for 2004 that features selected photos and short historical data on 12 well-known Philippine churches.

The Dutch Church of Our Lady of the Assumption (Order 12 Street, Sta. Rosa in Marikina) was built on the site of what was said to be the site of the ancient Tagalog kingdom of Tapa and Tapanan that moved long before the Spanish arrival. The church stands out because unlike the church before it is an architectural relic.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Angela...
Fidel...

Heritage added important artists.

The Franciscans built the first church of Santa Rosa and after in 1595. In 1738, the present church was constructed in the Baroque style. Its octagonal bell tower is designed with levels descending as the tower rises from the ground, a typical Philippine design for bell towers that is reminiscent of a pagoda.

A emblem of Chinese mission located between Marikina and Olongapo in Manila, the Santa Rosa Church, became famous for its ornate facade. From the artist of Santa Rosa since...

Continued on...

Rustan Supermarkets marks milestone with Cash Grab promo

In celebration of its 33rd anniversary, Rustan Supermarkets Inc. treats its loyal patrons to an exciting promotional activity that offers two ways of winning prizes.

Dubbed "Cash Grab", the promo allows Rustan Supermarkets customers to either win instantly in the Cash Grab booth or win a brand-new Toyota Corolla Altis or any of the 10 cellular phones in the grand draw.

From November 10 to December 28, 2003, customers visiting any branch of Rustan Supermarkets, Rustan's Fresh or any outlet of Rustan's Expressions will be given free Cash Grab tickets. Every purchase made is punched and validated on the Cash Grab ticket. To be able to play in the Cash Grab booth, they must meet the purchase requirement of P3,000.00.

Inside the Cash Grab booth, a customer is given 30 seconds to catch as many play money in various denominations as he can. The accumulated amount in excess of P3,000.00 shall be paid in Rustan Supermarkets gift certificates.

All winning and non-winning customers in the game are likewise entitled to join the raffle promo. Purchase of sponsored products worth P100.00 entitles the customer to an additional raffle coupon. Customers must fill out their raffle coupons and drop these in drop boxes located at all Rustan Supermarkets branches.

A brand-new Toyota Corolla Altis 1.8L M/T, two Nokia 6600, three Nokia 3330, and two Nokia 3100 cellphone units await the lucky customers in the Grand Raffle Draw on January 7, 2004. All prizes are tax-free and should be claimed at Rustan Supermarket Cubao or Rustan Supermarket Cebu branch.

The "Cash Grab" promo is Rustan Supermarkets' way of thanking its customers for 33 wonderful years of continued patronage and adherence to quality products.

History conference boosts Philippines-Portugal relations

By Bernardita R. Cherrill
Staff Writer

IN CELEBRATION of Portuguese history in Manila (Oct. 6-23), a research seminar on "Portuguese Sources for the History of the Philippines" was held on Oct. 22-23 at the Center for International Studies (CIS) of the University of Santo Tomas.

This academic activity was the result of the initiatives of the Embassy of Portugal headed by its Ambassador João Carlos da Silva and Consulate Consul Margarida Almeida.

Over 60 years, when a seminar on Philippine-Portuguese relations by Portuguese and Filipino historians was held here for the first time, not much attention has been paid to that aspect of Philippine history during the 17th century.

There was, as a matter of fact, a big gap in Philippine historiography concerning the history of the country and to first researchers of the first Portuguese in Southeast Asia during the age of discovery and exploration, specifically the discovery of Manila by Magellan.



PAJACEL Aquino, OF president, UST Center director Dr. Victor Gomez Teodoro of University of Perpetua (Dr. Jose Manuel Garcia de la Cueva Portuguese studies course Ambassador João Carlos da Silva and Paulo Cavalcanti, executive director of "Arquivo de Cultura Museu" view a portion of the UST collection of Portuguese rare books.

Jose (Donatista) Magellan in Manila in 1521 (the period from the fall of Malacca in the Philippines in 1511) and the period before the arrival of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi in Philippines in 1565 for the period from 1521 to 1565, rather than before relations with the Philippines in the account of the expedition of Lopez.

Donatista Magellan (Donatista) In other words, what has been missing is the history of the arrival of the indigenous people of the Philippines with the first Portuguese to arrive in Southeast Asia—the Portuguese. Whatever has been written about the Portuguese presence in the Philippines has been rather wrong, and based almost exclusively on Spanish sources. Now it appears that these are not archival materials on the Philippines in Portugal as well as in Spain, a former Portuguese colony which should be useful in conducting research on Philippine history during the early centuries of Spanish colonial rule.

Jose Manuel Garcia de la Cueva, President of the Portuguese Studies Course at the University of Perpetua, and Dr. Victor Gomez Teodoro, both researchers from the Portuguese Center for Southeast Asian Studies and who also came to the Philippines last year—presented their research papers at the seminar.

Garcia used a paper on "The Philippines in Portuguese East Company Chronicles: Maritime Geography, Political Situation, Economic Trade and Society" in his presentation. He looked at the same subject on Oct. 21, attended by a select group of academics and the diplomatic corps.

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Spain and the Philippines in the 16th century.

Philippine participation

Philippine historians took part in the seminar in discussion/conference to the papers presented by their Portuguese counterparts. The interaction between the historians of the Philippines and Portugal was significant, considering how little has been written on the relations between the two countries during these early centuries of Spanish presence in East and Southeast Asia.

The Filipino historians included Dr. Florentino A. Solano (University of Manila Library), professor of History, UST, and Dr. P. P. Garcia, Jr. (University of the Philippines), Dr. Jose Manuel Garcia de la Cueva, OF (UST), and Dr. Victor Gomez Teodoro (University of Perpetua).

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Women playwrights of the world, unite!

By Bernardita R. Cherrill

and feminist. It was eventually uprooted and returned by the Indonesian military and later with hundreds of her countrymen.

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Many Filipinos have the mischievous idea that classical music is stuffy and old. This is why bringing audiences into a concert hall is a problem for most symphony orchestras.

"We don't give each group a chance to really be heard. All over the place what we have is a group of people who are not really interested in the music. We have to find a way to make the music more interesting to the audience." said the conductor of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra.

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